

### REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a translation error. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 18 have been amended to correct clerical errors. Claims 1, 2, 7, 18 and 19 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention and further amended by adding new limitations for the material of the light transmittance region and the change rate of the light transmittance.

Support for the amendment to Claims 1, 2, 7, 18, and 19 is present in the specification at page 18 line 21 and at page 12 line 12, for example. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

#### Specification

Specification has been amended to correct a translation error in the originally-filed English language specification. If desired by the Examiner, the Applicant is amenable to supplying a statement that the amended text represents an accurate translation of the original (PCT) application.

#### Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 18 have been objected to because of certain informalities. The recitation "material of he light-transmission region" is required to change to "material for the light-transmission region". The corrections have been made accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

#### Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-24 have been found to be indefinite due to a usage of the % sign parenthetically and particular wording that the Examiner alleges is confusing. Claims 1, 2, 7, 18, and 19 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. The Claims now recite:

a light-transmitting region constituted by a material having a  $\Delta T$  of 10 or less which is defined by the equation

$$\Delta T = T_0 - T_1$$

wherein  $T_1$  is a light transmittance of the material for the light-transmitting region in percentage as measured at a plurality of wavelengths between 400 and 700 nm after dipping the material in a

KOH aqueous solution at pH 11 for 24 hours and  $T_0$  is a light-transmittance of the material in percentage as measured at the plurality of wavelengths before the dipping,  
Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1-4, 6 and 19-24 have been rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Roberts 6,676, 483.

Roberts discloses use of polymers such as polyurethane, polycarbonate, polyester and etc, as a material for light transmitting region (column 3, line 31). However, Roberts neither discloses nor suggests the use of a combination of the materials described in the Claims 1, 2, 18, and 19, as amended herein. Further, as shown in Table-1 (page 43) and Table-2 (page 50), the particular non-limiting examples of the presently-claimed invention (Production Example A-1 to A-4 and B-1 to B-4) indicate a low change rate of light transmittance (below 50%), while Comparative Examples whose light transmitting region are made from the materials other than set forth in Claim 1, 2, 18 and 19, indicate a substantially high change rate (over 70%). Thus, a novel and nonobvious feature that creates an unexpected advantage has been defined. At least for this reason, Claim 1, 2, 18 and 19, as well as the dependent claims, could not be rejected on this ground. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claims 7-16 have been rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Roberts. Since Claim 7 has been amended by adding the same limitations as Claims 1, 2, 18 and 19, this claim is allowable for at least the same reason(s) as described above. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the Applicant's amendment to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the

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application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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